

I. C. C. VALUATE THE RAILROADS

HOUSE PASSES THE ADAMSON BILL, DRASTIC BLOW AT OVER-CAPITALIZATION

MANN DEFENDS MILEAGE

Says the Congressmen Would All Be Rounders If They Left Their Families Back Home

Washington—Amended to authorize a complete investigation into the question of interstate carrier corporations, stock and bond issues, the bill by Representative Adamson, empowering the interstate commerce commission to make a physical valuation of the property of railroads and other common carriers, was unanimously passed by the house.

The measure would provide for a far-reaching inquiry with a view to having railroad rates fixed on a basis of income on actual investment. It would authorize employment of engineers and other experts to list the property of every interstate carrier. The investigators would be directed to ascertain the original cost for railway purposes of each piece of property, the cost and value to the present owner and what increase in value is due to improvements. All questions relating to existing stock and bond issues of such carriers also would be inquired into.

Representative Mann of Illinois, the republican leader, offered the amendment directing the examination into the stock and bond issue question after a point of order had been sustained against his amendment authorizing the commerce commission to regulate and restrict the issuance of securities by carriers.

The amendment adopted provides that the proposed investigation shall also "cover, so far as practicable, questions pertaining to the issuance of stocks and bonds by common carrier corporations, subject to the provisions of this act and the power of congress to regulate or affect the same, and particularly methods to prevent the issuance of stocks and bonds by such corporations without full value being received therefor."

Stops "Carousing"

Suggesting that "carousing around Washington" was an almost inevitable result of members of congress coming to the capital alone, Representative Mann of Illinois, defended the practice of paying members 20 cents a mile for their trips to and from Washington on the ground that the excess allowance was used largely to defray the traveling expenses of the families of senators and representatives.

Representative Cox of Indiana sought to amend the bill so as to provide for the payment of actual traveling expenses of members, but his proposition was voted down 37 to 21. Consideration of the bill will be continued for several days.

The Democrat Campaign Fund.

Washington.—It cost the Democratic national committee \$1,159,446 to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall, according to its final statement of contributions and expenditures filed with the clerk of the house. Charles R. Crane of Chicago was the heaviest contributor with \$40,000, closely pressed by Cleveland H. Dodge of New York with \$35,000 and Herman Ridder of New York, as treasurer of funds collected for the committee, with \$50,270. The total of \$1,110,952 contributions received by the committee came from 89,854 separate contributors, of which all but 1,625 were in amounts less than one hundred dollars.

Other Clerks Had Access To Cages

Chicago—Testimony of numerous persons were permitted to enter the cage of the asporting teller of the United States sub-treasury where millions of dollars were kept, prior to the disappearance of \$173,000, was given in defense of George W. Fitzgerald on trial for alleged embezzlement of the funds. Frank J. Walsh, clerk of the criminal court, formerly employed as a vault clerk in the sub-treasury, declared it was a common thing for other tellers to go into Fitzgerald's cage on business.

Insurance Merger Stopped By Court

Kansas City—Stockholders of the Great Western Life Insurance company, who oppose the proposed merger of the company with the International Life Insurance company of St. Louis obtained a temporary injunction in the court of common pleas of Wyandotte county, Kansas, restraining L. B. Lewis, state insurance commissioner of Kansas, from sitting with the commission of Missouri and Oklahoma to hear evidence on the merger contract.

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ECZEMA SPREAD OVER BODY

R. F. D. No. 1, Lewisburg, Ky.—"Fifteen years ago I was badly affected with eczema upon my scalp first, then it spread all over my body and continued to grow worse for four years. It began with a dry rash. After forming thick scales or scabs the irritation forced me to scratch the scabs off and the hair would come out with them. Upon my face and body the sores would get inflamed and they disfigured my face. It was worse where my clothes irritated them. The eruption was a yellowish watery kind, sometimes bloody. In warm weather it was so bad I was not able to work on account of the raw irritating sores on my head and body.

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Plain Facts.

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POINTED WAY TO SALVATION

Preacher's Advice Was All Right but His Friend Also Had Something Wise to Say.

Senator Samuel A. Ettelson, speaking recently at a banquet, told the following:

"A colored preacher stood up on a Sunday and said, 'My text this morning, brothers and sisters, am "What shall I do to be saved?" To me there seems only one way to be saved, and that am to quit this here extravagant living. Back to the simple life, say I. There am going to be no chance for you to be saved so long as you keep up this high living. If there is anything that is going to kill our race it is these here luxuries. Better go hungry and cold like the wolf. Go out and face the rains and fight the storms. Go wade like the crane. You will grow rugged and you will grow tough, but you'll walk like a man. Yes, sir, that am de way to salvation, that am de way to get saved."

"Just then a tall colored man, rising from his pew in the rear of the church, interrupted the preacher, shouting: 'This am no way to be saved. You just jump right through that back window and run just as fast as your legs will carry you, for the county sheriff am here with a warrant for your arrest for stealing them chickens from Massa Martin's coop last Friday night.'"—Chicago Tribune.

Transmigrating Turkey.

"The only time I ever believed in the transmigration of souls was one frosty November afternoon on my Indiana farm."

The speaker was George Ade, the humorist. He continued:

"It was a day or two before Thanks giving. The trees were bare. The fields were a russet brown color. Toward me over those russet fields strutted a very plump, very large, very young turkey.

"Then it was that an ardent belief in the doctrine of metempsychosis seized me.

"You," I said to the superb bird, 'you are now a turkey. And you will die tomorrow. But, cheer up. Your next transmigration will be into the body of a humorist not unknown to fame.'"

Not Used to "High Life."

An old farmer was in London visiting his son, who had got on in the world and who kept a large house, servants, etc.

When the two sat down to dinner the first night a manservant waited upon them, and was most assiduous in his attentions to the old farmer. After watching his antics for a bit the guest exclaimed:

"What the mischief are ye dancin' about like that for? Can ye not draw in yer chair and sit down? I'm sure there's enough here for the three of us."—London Mail.

There Were Others.

"You," sighed the rejected lover, "would find your name written in imperishable characters on my heart could you but look."

"So," murmured the fair young thing who was aware of the fact that the swain had been playing Romeo at the seaside for something like 20 years. "So? Then you must have a heart like a local directory by this time."—Tit-Bits.

Countryman's Notion.

Farmer (seeing a water cart for the first time)—Dang me, Halbert, if these Lunnion chaps ain't smart! Just look what that feller's fixed up at the back of 'is wagon to keep boys from hangin' on be'ind!—London Sketch.

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